



SHUTESBURY

Franklin County



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NARRATIVE

Narrative

The Town of Shutesbury has carried some of its past history forward. Once known as a lumbering town, Shutesbury still retains some lumbering interests. Named for Governor Samuel Shute, the town was established in 1761 and its plentiful mineral springs resulted in a healthy bottling business growing up in the community.

Shutesbury is bordered by the Quabbin Reservoir, and the town's proximity to the huge body of water ensures preservation of some of its rural character because of the restrictions placed on development within the watershed of the Quabbin. The reservoir itself also creates opportunities for boating, swimming, camping and fishing.

(Seal supplied by community. Narrative based on information provided by the Massachusetts Historical Commission)



GEOGRAPHY

Location

Western Massachusetts, bordered by Wendell on the north, the Quabbin Reservoir and New Salem on the east, Pelham and Amherst on the south and southwest, and Leverett on the west. Shutesbury is about 9 miles north of Amherst, 88 miles west of Boston, and 175 miles from New York City.

Total Area: 27.18 sq. miles

Land Area: 26.62 sq. miles

Population: 1,561

Density: 59 per sq. mile

Climate

(National Climatic Data Center)

(Amherst Station)

Normal temperature in January.....23.6°F

Normal temperature in July.....71.9°F

Normal annual precipitation.....42.5"

U.S.G.S. Topographical Plates

Shutesbury, Millers Falls, Quabbin Reservoir

Regional Planning Agency

Franklin County

Metropolitan Statistical Area

(1993 Definition)



GOVERNMENT

Municipal Offices

Main Number: (413) 259-1214

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Form of Government

Board of Selectmen

Administrative Assistant

Open Town Meeting

Year Incorporated

As a town: 1761

Registered Voters (Secretary of State 1994)

	Number	%	
Total Registered	1,197		
Democrats	331	27.7	%
Republicans	71	5.9	%
Other parties	14	1.2	%
Unenrolled Voters	781	65.2	%

Legislators

[Senators and Representatives by City and Town](#)



DEMOGRAPHICS

Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000

Geographic Area: Shutesbury town, Franklin County, Massachusetts

[For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
Total population.....	1,810	100.0	HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
SEX AND AGE			Total population.....	1,810	100.0
Male.....	871	48.1	Hispanic or Latino (of any race).....	39	2.2
Female.....	939	51.9	Mexican.....	10	0.6
Under 5 years.....	94	5.2	Puerto Rican.....	8	0.4
5 to 9 years.....	129	7.1	Cuban.....	2	0.1
10 to 14 years.....	185	10.2	Other Hispanic or Latino.....	19	1.0
15 to 19 years.....	143	7.9	Not Hispanic or Latino.....	1,771	97.8
20 to 24 years.....	73	4.0	White alone.....	1,668	92.2
25 to 34 years.....	162	9.0	RELATIONSHIP		
35 to 44 years.....	362	20.0	Total population.....	1,810	100.0
45 to 54 years.....	432	23.9	In households.....	1,801	99.5
55 to 59 years.....	86	4.8	Householder.....	662	36.6
60 to 64 years.....	40	2.2	Spouse.....	406	22.4
65 to 74 years.....	61	3.4	Child.....	575	31.8
75 to 84 years.....	34	1.9	Own child under 18 years.....	501	27.7
85 years and over.....	9	0.5	Other relatives.....	18	1.0
Median age (years).....	38.9	(X)	Under 18 years.....	2	0.1
18 years and over.....	1,293	71.4	Nonrelatives.....	140	7.7
Male.....	619	34.2	Unmarried partner.....	59	3.3
Female.....	674	37.2	In group quarters.....	9	0.5
21 years and over.....	1,244	68.7	Institutionalized population.....	-	-
62 years and over.....	131	7.2	Noninstitutionalized population.....	9	0.5
65 years and over.....	104	5.7	HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE		
Male.....	51	2.8	Total households.....	662	100.0
Female.....	53	2.9	Family households (families).....	480	72.5
RACE			With own children under 18 years.....	292	44.1
One race.....	1,756	97.0	Married-couple family.....	406	61.3
White.....	1,696	93.7	With own children under 18 years.....	236	35.6
Black or African American.....	19	1.0	Female householder, no husband present.....	56	8.5
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	10	0.6	With own children under 18 years.....	42	6.3
Asian.....	23	1.3	Nonfamily households.....	182	27.5
Asian Indian.....	10	0.6	Householder living alone.....	116	17.5
Chinese.....	5	0.3	Householder 65 years and over.....	20	3.0
Filipino.....	-	-	Households with individuals under 18 years.....	296	44.7
Japanese.....	1	0.1	Households with individuals 65 years and over.....	78	11.8
Korean.....	4	0.2	Average household size.....	2.72	(X)
Vietnamese.....	-	-	Average family size.....	3.08	(X)
Other Asian ¹	3	0.2	HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	-	-	Total housing units.....	807	100.0
Native Hawaiian.....	-	-	Occupied housing units.....	662	82.0
Guamanian or Chamorro.....	-	-	Vacant housing units.....	145	18.0
Samoan.....	-	-	For seasonal, recreational, or		
Other Pacific Islander ²	-	-	occasional use.....	127	15.7
Some other race.....	8	0.4	Homeowner vacancy rate (percent).....	1.8	(X)
Two or more races.....	54	3.0	Rental vacancy rate (percent).....	1.7	(X)
Race alone or in combination with one			HOUSING TENURE		
or more other races: ³			Occupied housing units.....	662	100.0
White.....	1,747	96.5	Owner-occupied housing units.....	547	82.6
Black or African American.....	38	2.1	Renter-occupied housing units.....	115	17.4
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	47	2.6	Average household size of owner-occupied units.....	2.75	(X)
Asian.....	31	1.7	Average household size of renter-occupied units.....	2.57	(X)
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	-	-			
Some other race.....	14	0.8			

- Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

¹ Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

² Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

³ In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.



HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

Home Sales (Banker & Tradesman) -

[Town Stats - Free market Statistics](#)

Subsidized Housing Units (DHCD 1998)

[DHCD Subsidized Housing Inventory](#)

Subsidized Housing Units: The number of housing units which count toward the municipality's 10% goal for low- and moderate-income housing. It includes both subsidized affordable units and market rate units in certain eligible subsidized developments.

Public Housing Units (DHCD 1999)

Conventional State: 0

Conventional Federal: 0

Rental Assistance(DHCD 1999)

State (MRVP: 0

Federal (Section 8): 0



TRANSPORTATION

TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS

The major axes of transportation in Franklin County, where Shutesbury is situated, are State Route 2, and Interstate Route 91, which follows the Connecticut River. The region is well-served by rail. The Springfield Terminal Railway (the former Boston and Maine) lines parallel the two main highways, and the Central Vermont Railway's main line passes N-S through the eastern portion.

Major Highways

The principal highway is U.S. Route 202, which runs N-S between State Routes 2 and 9, both cross-state roads. Local roads provide access to other highways and forms of transportation in the region.

Rail

Passenger rail service is available on Amtrak in neighboring Amherst, where the "Montrealer" makes a daily stop. There is no freight rail service in Shutesbury, but the network of intermodal facilities serving Massachusetts is easily accessible.

Bus

Shutesbury is a member of the Franklin Regional Transit Authority (FRTA). There is no fixed route service, but FRTA provides limited paratransit services for the elderly and disabled through the Amherst Council on Aging.

Other

The Orange Municipal Airport, a General Aviation (GA) facility, is easily accessible via U.S. Route 202. It has 2 asphalt runways 5,000'x 150' and 4,998'x 150'. Instrument approaches available: Non-precision.



CULTURE AND RECREATION

LIBRARIES

[Board of Library Commissioners On-line Library Catalog](#)

MUSEUMS

(American Association of Museums)

None

RECREATION

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Recreational Facilities (Recreational sites and activities)

[Department of Environmental Management Recreation Section](#)



MISCELLANEOUS

HEALTH FACILITIES

(Dept. of Public Health 1992)

Hospitals

None

Long Term Care

None

Hospices

None

Rest Homes

None

UTILITIES

[Telephone Numbers for Public Utilities](#)

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